THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) Information is given in the attached statement (*see* below).

(b) while every care is being taken in implementing the externally aided projects in time, some projects are delayed because of price escalations, fluctuations in exchange rate, procurement delays, tardy land acquisition, inadequate counterpart funds and projects specific issues.

(c) Implementation delays in projects are addressed through strengthening of counterpart resources, close monitoring by the Planning Commission and by line ministeries with special emphasis on timely procurement action by project authorities, and simplification of procedure in respect of foreign exchange, tender evaluation etc. In addition, projects are being extensively monitored at different levels including the State Governments.

**Statement**

*State-wise number of projects running behind schedule*

| S. No. | Name of State | No. of Project |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 8 |
| 2. | Tamil Nadu | 5 |
| 3. | Karnataka | 3 |
| 4. | Kerala | 12 |
| 5. | Orissa | 3 |
| 6. | Madhya Pradesh | 5 |
| 7. | Uttar Pradesh | 12 |
| 8. | Bihar | 3 |
| 9. | Rajasthan | 2 |
| 10. | Gujarat | 8 |
| 11. | Maharashtra | 7 |
| 12. | Haryana | 1 |
| 13. | Assam | 2 |
| 14. | West Bengal | 1 |
| 15. | Himachal Pradesh | 1 |

**Handing over of Scindia Steam Navigation Company Limited**

@@3424. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the move to hand over Scindia Steam Navigation Company Limited to a blacklisted owner Shrimati Sumati Morarjee who was responsible for the present bad shape of the company;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Repatriation of dividend by foreign investors**

@@@3425. SHRI N. E. BALARAM : SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Foreign Investment Promotion Board has agreed to protect dividend repatriation of foreign investors in essential areas against exchange rate fluctuation in the case of an investment proposals of Enron Power Development Corporation of the United States in the power sector;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether such protection will be extended to other foreign investors in other essential areas also, if so, the details thereof ?

@@Previously Unstarred Question No. 2888, transferred from 17th March, 1993.

@@@Previously Unstarred Question No. 2048, transferred from 11th March, 1993.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) and (b) In regard to the request for protecting the return on foreign equity from exchange rate fluctuation, the details shall be finalised by M/s. Enron Power Development Corporation with the Government of India.

(c) The cases are considered on merits by the Government. No discriminatory approach is adopted.

**Cases received by BIFR under SICA**

@@@@3426. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cases received by BIFR under SICA during the last 3 years;

(b) how many cases have been disposed by the BIFR; and

(c) the number of cases pending with BIFR at present ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) The Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) has reported that, as on 28-02-1993, it has registered 1331 references under Section '5 of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 during the last three years.

(b) and (c) BIFR has disposed of 842 references and the remaining 489 are under process under the various provisions of the Act.

@@@@Previously Unstarred Question No. 2050, transferred from 11th March, 1993.

**Weapons shipped to Bombay by ISI**

@@@@@3427. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a huge consignment of automatic weapons was recently shipped to Bombay by Inter Service Intelligence (ISI) of Pakistan; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government to intercept the contraband and fire arms ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) Hon'ble Member is presumably referring to some Press reports indicating that Pakistan's Inter Services Intelligence has organised smuggling of arms into India with the help of some smuggling syndicates by effecting clandestine landings on the West Coast, especially in or around Bombay. However, available reports do not indicate such landings of firearms.

(b) Government has alerted the field formations and close coordination is being maintained among all the agencies concerned in the prevention and detection of such smuggling.

**Application of Excise and Income Tax Laws in Arunachal Pradesh**

3428. SHRI NIYODEK YONGGAM : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the excise and income tax laws are applicable in the State of Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) to (c) Excise and Income-tax laws are applicable in the State of Arunachal

@@@@@Previously Unstarred Question No. 2769, transferred from 17th March, 1993.